

[5th February 1924]

**Travelling allowance drawn by the hon. Ministers.**

126 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the amount of travelling allowance drawn by the hon. the Ministers from January 1923 up to the end of October last?

A.—The following figures show the total amounts of railway charges made by book adjustment plus bills drawn for actual expenses on account of each of the three hon. Ministers for the period in question:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(1) The hon. the Raja of Panagal, Minister for Local Self-Govern- ment ... ..	9,307	7	0
(2) The hon. Sir K. V. Reddi, Minister for Development ... ..	3,022	11	6
(3) The hon. Mr. A. P. Patro, Minister for Education ... ..	4,623	4	0

**Tree-tax.***Tree-tax in the Trichinopoly district.*

11-30 a.m. 127 Q.—Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(1) to state whether the Government would consider the desirability of reducing the tax on coconut and other trees in the Trichinopoly district as has been done in the neighbouring district of Tanjore as per G.O. No. 136, Revenue, dated 24th January 1923;

(2) to lay on the table papers showing the history of the tree-tax system in the Tanjore district;

(3) to furnish information as to the number of taxed trees in the Trichinopoly district and the annual revenue derived, or expected to be derived, therefrom, before and after the revision of tree-tax sanctioned in B.P. No. 47, dated 11th August 1921, in respect of the undermentioned trees:—

Coconut, Tamarind,	Mango, Jack,	Illuppai and Palmyra;
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(4) if the information is not available with Government, to call for it; and

(5) to state the reasons which have led to the differentiation in rates between the districts of Tanjore and Trichinopoly and also with reference to the ownership of fallen trees?

A.—(1) No.

(2) Copy of paragraph 29 of B.P. No. 305, dated 22nd January 1858, and of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Board's Resolution No. 9542, dated 17th December 1892, is laid\* on the table.

\* Printed as Appendix II on page 49 infra.